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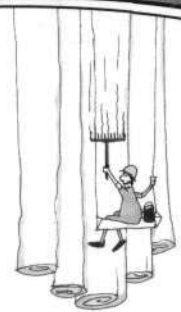
Beethoven's wig is very big
Beethoven's wig is long and curly and it's white
Beethoven takes his wig off when he sleeps at night
Because it's big
It's very big
Beethoven's wig is big
It's really big
Beethoven's wig is heavy when he takes a walk
His wig is even bigger than the wig of Bach
It is tremendous it is stupendous
It is gigantic and titanic
Monumental and colossal
And enormous and humongous
'Cause it's big it's really big
It's very big it's mighty big Beethoven's Wig
It's oh so wide you'll need a guide
To see each side it's really big
It's grandiose don't get too close you'll overdose
Because it's big. Big!
Beethoven's Wig is big!



1. *Beethoven's Wig*

It's stylish and it's handsome
It costs a small king's ransom
Five hundred bucks and then some
But the hair's so long and flowing
That the wig seems like it's growing
And it keeps his face from showing
Poor Beethoven's wig needs mowing
'Cause Beethoven's wig is big
Beethoven's wig is very big it's oh so big
It's filled with goo it's such a problem to shampoo
It's really very, very big
Beethoven's wig is very big, it's awful big
It's such a mess it even has it's own address
Beethoven's wig
It's such a mop he should stop at the barbershop
It's way too big
His mother called she said he would look better bald
Because it's big it's very big. Beethoven's wig!

Questions: 1. Where is the most far out place you could find a recording of Beethoven's 5th Symphony?
2. Beethoven composed music without which of his five senses?

Franz Liszt the famous pianist
They say his piano skill was unsurpassed
And no one else could play as fast
As Franz Liszt the famous pianist
And everyone who saw him all agreed
No one could match his finger speed
Yes Franz Liszt the famous pianist
Could play the minute waltz so quickly that
He'd end in thirty seconds flat
Yes Franz Liszt the famous pianist
The crowds all cheered when he picked up the pace
His fingers pounding out the bass
His hair all flying in his face
A wild goose upon a chase
'Cause every concert was a race
And Franz Liszt always won first place

He could play the piano faster
Than the fastest piano master
Faster than Chopin or Bach
Or Haydn, Handel or Bartok
Faster than Franck or Puccini
Or Beethoven or Rossini
Or Johann or Ricard Strauss
Clara Schumann or her spouse
Faster than Rachmaninov
Or even Rimsky Korsakov
Or Tchaikovsky or Vivaldi
Or Mozart, Berg or Brahms
Or Byrd or Bellini or Boccherini
Or Paganini or Cherubini,
Wagner, Verdi, Wolf, Weil, Vaughn,
Scarlatti, Stravinsky, Mussorgsky
Oh my gosh! He was fast
That's Franz Liszt!

2. *Franz Liszt the Famous Pianist*

Q: 3. Liszt was the first pianist to popularize doing what at concerts?
4. What's one of the funniest places you can hear Franz Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody?

Please don't play your violin at night
Wolfgang go to bed turn out the light
But I must play my violin
At night my violin
Must be beneath my chin
I love the music of the night
I won't turn out the light
Oh I love music in the night
But the music so late at night
Makes it quite hard to go to sleep, sleep
But the music that I play at night is light
Maybe you should try counting sheep
Try counting sheep it will help you sleep
Sheep will never help me sleep
You should try counting sheep
No sheep won't help me sleep
Sleep, sleep, sleep, sleep,
Sheep, sheep, sheep, sheep

Sheep won't help me sleep
Won't help me sleep
Try counting sheep!
Wolfgang I'm still not sleeping
Please stop the music
Dear it's just a little night music
Night music must stop
Night music is inspiring
Night music is too tiring
The melody is soaring
And I wish I were snoring
When I hear music in the night
It fills my heart with such delight
I hope the music will never end
And I will never ever sleep
Night music is like heaven
And it's half past eleven
The notes are stars that twinkle
I envy Rip Van Winkle
When I hear music in the night
I never want to see daylight
But dear the music will soon be over
And we both can go to sleep
Just a few more notes left to write
And then we'll finally turn out the light
And we'll say goodnight
That's the music of the night. Good night!

3. *Please Don't Play Your Violin at Night*

Q: 5. Mozart was considered a child prodigy. At what age did he start playing the piano?
At what age did he start composing?
6. Mozart detested the sound of what popular instrument?

All the girls in Paris France
Love to do the Can Can Dance
Kick their legs up in the air
Shake, shake, shake their derriere
If you go to Paris France
You can do the Can Can dance
Easy now as un deux trois
Everybody ooh la la
Do the Can Can
Kick your legs up in the air
Do the Can Can
Shake, shake, shake your derriere
Do the Can Can
Easy now as un deux trois
Do the Can Can
Everybody ooh la la la, ooh la la la, ooh la la la
Oh can you do the Can Can?
If you can then I can
I can Can Can if you Can Can
Can you Can Can

4. *Can You Can Can?*

Oh we can do the Can Can
Yes we can we Can Can
We can Can Can
Yes we can Can Can
Everyone in Paris France
Loves to do the Can Can dance
When you go you'll Can Can too
So follow me merci beaucoup
You can Can Can everyday
At the Moulin Rouge Cafe
Every day, s'il vous plait, be tres gai,
Drink cafe, eat flambee, wear lame,
Be risque, s'il vous plait, everyday, ole, ole
Do the Can Can, everybody do the Can Can
Do the Can Can, everybody do the Can Can
I can Can Can, you can Can Can,
He can Can Can, she can Can Can
Mon ami, in Gay Paris, it's tres chic chic, oui oui,
We Can Can
Everybody do the Can Can
Ooh the Maitre d' even he can Can Can
We can Can Can yes we can can Can Can!

Q: 7. What famous American composer did Offenbach hire to play violin in his orchestra?
8. When Offenbach played cello in an orchestra, what did he do to keep from getting bored?

5. *Just For Elise*

Here's a short Beethoven piano piece
He wrote this piece just for Elise
It's all about a fellow named Maurice
Who came from Greece with a valise
Maurice loved Beethoven's piano piece
He loved this piece more than Elise
And nobody could keep it from Maurice
He fleeced Elise and took her piece
He did her wrong he took her song
It's all he cared for all along
And when Elise saw that Maurice
Had fleeced her piece she called the police
They found the piece in the valise
They all went to the Justice of the Peace
Who sent Maurice right back to Greece
It was all right to her delight
Elise can play her piece all night
And if you hear Beethoven's piece
Played by your nephew or your niece
Nephew or niece perform this piece
Please tell them to remember that this piece
This little piece is for Elise.

Q: 9. As a boy, Beethoven took piano lessons from what famous composer?
10. After he died, Beethoven's piano was owned by what famous composer?

6. *Haydn's Great Surprise*

Listen very carefully
To this noted symphony
Maybe you will recognize
Haydn's Great Surprise
Though it's slow make no mistake
This piece will keep you awake
With a trick that typifies
Haydn's Great Surprise
Did that outburst startle you?
Well that's what it was meant to do
Don't forget its name implies
Haydn's Symphony's the Great Surprise
Oh there's that burst again
You will hear it now and then
Every time that we reprise
Haydn's Great Surprise
And if you think you're smart
Try to learn this piece by heart
See if you can memorize
Haydn's Great Surprise
Just be careful goodness knows
While listening stay on your toes
Heed this warning to the wise
Haydn's Symphony's the Great Surprise.

Q: 11. Haydn wrote the national anthem for which country?
12. Haydn was considered the father of what music format?

First came William, then a second William
Henry, Stephen, then a second Hank
Next was Richard called the Lion Hearted
Evil John, then one more Henry rose to the rank
Three more Eds, and Richard came to power
Then three Hanks, one went to London Tower
Two more Edwards, Richard,
And another couple Henrys
All together Kings and Queens of England
Next came Edward, Jane and Bloody Mary
Then Elizabethan was the style
Next King James, two Chucks, and one more Jimmy
Then together Will and Mary ruled for a while
Then reigned Anne, four Georges, and a Willy
Queen Victoria lived near Piccadilly
Then two Eds, three Georges,
And Elizabeth the second
All together Kings and Queens of England
All together Kings and Queens of England.

7. *Kings and Queens of England*

Q: 13. When he was 18 years old, Purcell was appointed the organist for what famous church?
14. Purcell composed music for the coronations of how many Kings and Queens of England?

You left the bathroom water dripping Sylvia
Into the sink it's drip, drip, dripping Sylvia
It's so annoying all that dripping Sylvia
Go turn the water off and stop
The drip, drip, dripping Sylvia
The bathroom sink is overflowing Sylvia
Because the dripping keeps on going Sylvia
It will not stop the drip and drop we'll need a mop
Go turn the water off and stop
The drip, drip, dripping Sylvia
Oh Sylvia the situation's such a pain
The water keeps on dripping
And the problem here is very plain
The drops won't all fit down the drain

8. *Drip, Drip, Drip*

The house is getting irrigated Sylvia
And I am getting irritated Sylvia
I see it pour down on the floor and out the door
Go turn the water off and stop
The drip, drip, dripping Sylvia
The water's running down the street oh Sylvia
It's soaking everybody's feet oh Sylvia
The mess you're making is complete so Sylvia
Go turn the water off and stop
The drip, drip, dripping Sylvia
The city's flooded it's all wet dear Sylvia
The citizens are quite upset here Sylvia
The future's grim our chances slim we'll have to swim
Please turn the water off and stop
The drip, drip, dripping Sylvia
Oh Sylvia the situation's looking dark
The water keeps on dripping
Our new next door neighbor is a shark
We better call up Noah's ark
The whole wide world is underwater Sylvia
I just ran into Neptune's daughter Sylvia
And all the fish go splash and splish I really wish
You'd turn the water off and stop
The drip, drip, dripping Sylvia.

Q: 15. Delibes is considered the father of what type of modern symphonic music?
16. What composer claimed that Delibes' music for Sylvia was better than Tchaikovsky's music for Swan Lake?

9. *Harmony*

Sweet Clara Schumann played the piano well
And when she played her music cast a magic spell
Her husband Robert wrote the melody
The Schumanns were a family joined in harmony
They'd sing and play
Together every day
Together they made music merrily
The Schumanns were a family joined in harmony
They had some children in their happy home
So they would never ever have to play alone
When mom and daddy played their happy song
The children tapped their tippy toes and sang along
They played their song
The kids all sang along
Together they made music merrily
The Schumanns were a family joined in harmony.

Q: 17. Schumann was one of the first composers to write a collection of music for what group of people?
18. Schumann was married to what famous female pianist and composer?

Hey guitar teacher thanks for assigning this song
It's a swell melody and it isn't very long
My dear mother prefers that it's not blues or rock
It is Johann Sebastian Bach
They say classical music's an old noble art
And if you listen to it, then it will make you smart
With some other composers I think that's a crock
Give me Johann Sebastian Bach
Every single note that the old master wrote
Was as perfect as perfect could be
In a Fugue or a Mass no one else could surpass
His divine sense of melody
If someone should insist that you make up a list
Of composers that you can recall
It takes no Ph.D. it is easy to see
Mr. Bach was the best of them all
So guitar teacher thanks for this musical treat
It's got great counterpoint, and I like the steady beat
It's a piece I will practice and play 'round the clock
'Cause it's Johann Sebastian Bach.

10. *Hey Guitar Teacher*

Q: 19. In what unusual location did Bach write 46 pieces of music?
20. How many generations of Bach's family were musicians?

11. *Tchaikovsky's Cannonball*

The crowds were cheering at the concert hall
The night Tchaikovsky shot a cannonball
It was the loudest cannon that you'll ever hear
It was so loud it even shook the chandelier
The crowds were cheering for a curtain call
The night Tchaikovsky shot a cannonball
The drum and bugle player jumped up on a seat
They hoped and prayed it wouldn't fall down on their feet
Trumpets were blaring, everyone staring
Critics declaring, "daring, daring!"
Then it exploded!
Boy it was loaded!
What a crash it stopped the show
It landed in the seventh row
Tchaikovsky's cannonball
Blew up the concert hall
But everyone could see
The guy made history
That's the great Tchaikovsky's cannonball
That's all!

Q: 21. Tchaikovsky conducted a performance of his music at the opening night celebration of what famous concert hall?
22. It is a tradition to perform Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture on which American holiday?

Beethoven's Wig

Credits

Singers

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Activities

1. Draw a picture to go with each piece of music.

2. Create a dance for each song.

3. Name the instruments in each song.

4. Draw a picture of your favorite instrument.

5. Find a picture of each composer.

6. Make a list of all the composers in the order in which they were born.

7. Find similarities between the classical composers and modern musicians (for example, Franz Liszt and Elton John both wore wild costumes when they performed).

Answers

1. Outer space. A recording of the 5th Symphony was sent on American space crafts Voyager 1 and 2, launched in 1977, as a possible way of communicating with alien civilizations. 2. Hearing. Beethoven's hearing problems were already serious when he was thirty, and he was totally deaf by his mid forties. 3. Playing by memory. He also was one of the first to popularize solo performances. 4. In TV cartoons. It's been used as background for Bugs Bunny, Tom & Jerry and others. 5. 3, 6. 6. Trumpet. He never wrote a concerto for solo trumpet. 7. John Phillip Sousa! 8. He only played every other note. (And he got fired!) 9. Mozart. 10. Franz Liszt. 11. Austria. 12. The symphony. 13. Westminster Abbey. You can visit it in London. 14. (3) James II, Mary II and William III. 15. Ballet. 16. Tchaikovsky. 17. Children. The collection was called "Album for the Young." 18. Clara Schumann. 19. Jail. He was sent there for a month by an employer because he tried to leave his job as court musician. 20. 7. He was the fifth. 21. Carnegie Hall in New York City on May 5, 1891. 22. Independence Day, 4th of July.